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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Mr. Lon Thomas
Star Stone Quarries Inc.
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Re: Fourth Permit Review, Star Stone Quarries Inc., Cotton Thomas Quarry, M/003/024, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On May 19, 2000, the Division received a new Notice of Intention for the Cotton Thomas Quarry located in Box Elder County, Utah. This is the fourth time that the Division has received a revised Notice for this particular quarry. As you know, when we receive a Notice, a technical review of the complete application is made. If deficiencies are noted, we reference the deficiency and ask that the operator supply information to resolve the deficiency. If a new mining and reclamation plan is provided, instead of responding to the specific technical deficiencies, then a total new review is required. We have no idea what changes have been made when no redlining, underlining or other method has been used to identify where the plan has been modified, or where the deficiencies are addressed. Reviewing the entire application again and comparing it against the previous submittal to see where changes have been made and then reworking the reclamation bonding estimate, is a very time consuming process. For this reason, the Division has requested that you only address the noted technical deficiencies under the applicable Mineral Rules and not submit a new permit application in response to our reviews.

On April 25, 2000, we sent a deficiency review of your February 29, 2000 Notice which stated: *"Please, address only the remaining technical review comments in your response and avoid revising other sections of the permit application to the extent possible. Continued changes and additions to proposed mining and reclamation plans will only further delay our final approval of the permit application. We are very anxious to complete the permitting process for this operation and cannot do so if the proposed plans keep changing following each subsequent*

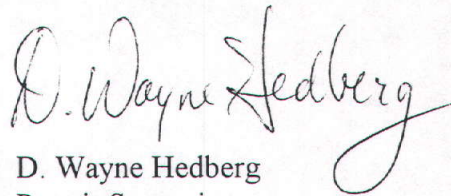
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review of the application. If this pattern continues, it may be construed that an intentional delay is occurring, which may force us to reinstate the suspended enforcement action of this site."

Because of other pressing workloads and the manner in which your response is formatted, we cannot review the May 25, 2000 Notice as received. Please respond to the specific deficiencies as outlined in our April 25th review of your February 2000 Notice. We request receipt of this information no later than June 23, 2000. Do not submit a new Notice, unless *all* changes to the mining and reclamation plan text are clearly marked, appropriately labeled and dated. Replacement pages with strike-out and red-lined text that may ultimately be inserted into the existing February Notice are preferred. If this information is not received within this timeframe, proceedings may be initiated to reinstate the suspended enforcement actions for the Cotton Thomas Quarry. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 538-5286 or Lynn Kunzler at 538-5310.

Sincerely,



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